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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 4050

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SN, GT

SUBJECT: SALE BY SINGAPORE OF U.S.-ORIGIN ARMORED CARS

REF: SINGAPORE 3563

1. REFTEL REPORTS THAT SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO SELL ABOUT 40 CADILLAC-GAGE V-200 ARMORED CARS WHICH IT PURCHASED FROM U.S. SUPPLIER SOME YEARS AGO. AT TIME REFTEL WAS SENT, SINGAPOREANS HAD INDICATIONS OF INTEREST FROM GUATEMALA AND URUGUAY AND WISHED TO KNOW WHETHER USG WOULD VETO SALE TO EITHER OF THESE COUNTRIES BEFORE PROCEEDING TO NEGOTIATE. NO RESPONSE TO REFTEL HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED.

2. SENIOR SINGAPOREAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OFFICIAL HAS CONTACTED US TO SAY THAT GUATEMALA HAS EXPRESSED DEFINITE INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF THESE VEHICLES. HE REQUESTED URGENTLY THAT USG PROVIDE AT LEAST GENERAL INDICATION OF WHETHER WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO APPROVE SALE OF THIS NATURE TO GUATEMALA OR WHETHER THERE ARE, AS GOS LEARNED TO ITS SURPRISE IN CASE OF CHILE, SPECIFIC BARRIERS TO SUCH SALE TO GUATEMALA.

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3. REFTEL STATES EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION THAT SALE OF THESE ARMORED CARS TO THIRD COUNTRY BE APPROVED IF POSSIBLE, IN VIEW OF GENERALLY HELPFUL SINGAPOREAN ATTITUDE IN SECURITY FIELD AND RECENT DISAPPOINTMENTS EXPERIENCED BY SINGAPORE IN ATTEMPTING TO SELL MILITARY EQUIPMENT COVERED BY U.S. LEGISLATION. WE REALIZE DEPARTMENT CANNOT APPROVE ANY

PARTICULAR SALE UNTIL DETAILS ARE KNOWN. ALL THAT
GOS IS ASKING, HOWEVER, IS WHETHER ANY GENERPE-
DIMENT EXISTS TO SALE OF THIS TYPE MILITARY EQUIP-
MENT TO GUATEMALA.

4. REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY.
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